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More comments.

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Subject: Cape Cod Wind Project (130 turbines)

Per your request please consider my comments regarding subject Wind Project:

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- \* Driving the wind mills into the glacial till of Nantucket Sound gives me pause. Tidal, sea ice, and most importantly hurricane forces will compromise the integrity of this installation.
- \* I'm sure your aware of the destruction hurricane Katrina and Rita caused in the Gulf of Mexico, 115 platforms destroyed. Platforms purportedly designed for such winds.
- \* Hurricane damage to 130 wind mills and the transformer platform with the thousands of gallons of oil in it will cause catastrophic damage to the environment of Nantucket Sound.
- \* Maintenance of such an expansive installation will be extremely difficult. Sea ice will prohibit the access to the wind mills during the colder winter months, as well as high wind events on a year round basis.
- \* Much has been written regarding the economics of the electric rates. I see no economic benefit to our cost of power, in fact I understand it will be more costly once wind power is factored in.

Wind power, on a larger scale is in our future, lets keep it on shore.

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